

**REMARKS**

In the Restriction Requirement mailed August 15, 2007, the Examiner has restricted the claims to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. Claim 22, drawn to a computer-readable medium including program instructions executing on a computer for licensing external processes on a server, the program instructions performing the steps of: generating an electronic license by formatting a customer order for a software product in accordance with a schema for the electronic license, and wherein the electronic license [[that]] identifies two or more software commands, which are features of the software product, for registration with the software product, and wherein the electronic license includes for each software command a string identifying a command name for that particular software command and an inclusion or an [[and]] exclusion identifier, and wherein the string is embedded and included within the electronic license, classified in class 705, subclass 51.

II. Claims 15-21, drawn to a method for licensing external processes on a server comprising the steps of: generating an electronic license, wherein the electronic license is generated by formatting a customer order for a software product in accordance with a licensing schema and the formatted electronic license to include a plurality of software command directives embedded within the formatted electronic license to indicate whether a particular software command directive associated with a particular feature of the software product is to be accepted for registration or rejected for registration, and wherein each software command directive includes a command name associated with a particular software command or operation of the software product and an inclusion or exclusion identifier for indicating the acceptance or rejection of [[the]] registration for that particular software command or operation within the software product, and wherein at least one software command for the software product is associated with the exclusion identifier, classified in class 705, subclass 51.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Applicant elects, without traverse, Group II, claims 15-21. Applicant respectfully cancels claim 22 (Group I) without prejudice or disclaimer, and reserves the right to reintroduce it in one or more Divisional applications at a later date.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (513) 942-0224 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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